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Dear Charles,

Many thanks for your conversation (late March). I hope to forward my comments on RAMP in the near future, and I thank you for the permission to submit my comments at a later but not too distant time; notwithstanding that they have been already orally communicated.

Let me note some of the items I mentioned, which I hope to elaborate on:

- 1) The need to reevaluate the standard
- 2) The place of the locality (so far, I have seen no, or little, role given to it). It is clear that localities and local officials are passive recipients (the unwanted sister). There is need to define a protocol.
- 3) The notion of responsible party (my offense at Mr. Hohman's remarks, and my conversation with him). Reflect on the following

"We (the lower level) have no control over our destiny and yet are liable for it."

- 4) The role of the universal in the issue and the need for interagency cooperation at the Federal level: 'the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing.'
- 5) The importance not of simply communicating with the public, but what is being communicated, and hence that responsibility lies with us: no perspective has been provided, and hence we have wild scenarios, not consistent, with what appears to me, to be the existing evidence and the common experience in an area. On the basis of comparative data there should be generated a perspective which